GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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CBI RAIDS/INVESTIGATIONS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the raids conducted and investigations carried out by the Central Bureau of Investigation in various parts of the country during the last three months;

(b) whether CBI conducted raids on income-tax officers and other persons in various parts of the country and unearthed substantial movable and immovable assets during the above period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the hands of CBI and departmental vigilance organisation in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a): During the period from 1.1.2007 to 31.3.2007, CBI has conducted searches in 155 cases in various parts of the country.

(b) & (c): Out of these 155 cases, 4 cases relate to possession of Disproportionate Assets by Income Tax officers. Disclosure of details of seizures/recoveries made would not be appropriate at this stage, as it may impede investigation.

(d) & (e): A number of measures have already been taken by the Government to strengthen CBI and departmental vigilance organizations. These measures, inter-alia, include enactment of the CVC Act, modernization and upgradation of infrastructure of the CBI, capacity building of officers and staff of the CBI, and the appointment of the CVOs on the recommendations of the CVC and formulation and implementation of Annual Action Plans for vigilance activities.